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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Filing Date	March 30, 2001
First Named Inventor	Tuqiang Ni
Art Unit	1763
Examiner Name	ALEJANDRO MULERO, LULZI,
Attorney Docket Number	2328-053

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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any un-entered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. Other: _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply
- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. Other: _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. *(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(l) required)*

b. Other: _____

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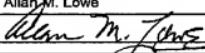
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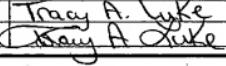
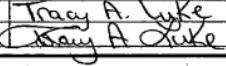
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Confirmation No. 5171

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/821,753

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Examiner: Alejandro Mulero, Lulz L.

For: PLASMA PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS WITH CONTROL OF
PLASMA EXCITATION POWER

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 114

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed October 19, 2004, and in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

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